As a flight attendant I strongly oppose relaxing restrictions on cell phone use onboard commercial aircraft.  Flight attendants already spend more time than they should enforcing the current rules, however my main concern would be that in an emergency situation, rather than listen to the crew's instructions, people would be distracted making calls to people on the ground.

In addition, I feel allowing passengers to use cell phones freely compromises safety onboard the aircraft as terrorists could take advantage of this situation to communicate with each other in regards to crew location, suspected air marshalls, cockpit door openings, etc.

Finally, it's just plain rude.  The 5 to 10 minutes passengers are subjected to each other's cell phone conversations after landing is annoying enough.  Please don't allow an already tense environment to become even more unnerving.

Thank you.

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